

New Fact Sheets Provide Update on Neighborhood Plan Implementation

The Department of Neighborhoods has completed summaries of the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Plans. There is a two-page summary covering each of the thirty-eight neighborhoods involved in Neighborhood Planning from 1995 to 1999.

The Plan Implementation Fact Sheets are part of the accountability agreement between Neighborhoods Director Yvonne Sanchez and Mayor Greg Nickels, which calls for a status report on implementation of the Neighborhood Plans.

"City staff and volunteers have done a tremendous amount of work on projects related to plan implementation," said Sanchez. "Dozens of projects across the city are underway or nearing completion, with many more to come. Tracking the plan implementation progress is part of my accountability agreement with the Mayor, as well as the DON's charge to oversee plan implementation and I'm pleased to report the City of Seattle is making significant progress."

\$220 million worth of progress in fact. Over the past

four years the City has invested approximately \$55 million per year implementing projects called for in the plans. In addition to this investment, the City has benefited from \$11 million worth of community volunteer work, donations from foundations and developers, and the volunteer participation of non-city government agencies. This \$11 million is the match amount to \$8.8 million the Department of Neighborhood provided in Matching Fund dollars to community groups initiating projects called for in their Neighborhood Plans.

"We are delivering on the vision people have for their neighborhoods," said Mayor Nickels. "By investing our public dollars and forging partnerships with residents and businesses, we continue making a difference in revitalizing our communities."

The Fact Sheets will be updated twice per year and are available through a link on Mayor's website at www.seattle.gov/mayor/ and the Department of Neighborhoods website at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods. To

send comments and updates, e-mail NPIfactsheets@seattle.gov ♦

What We've Accomplished Together

Your Neighborhood Plan in Action

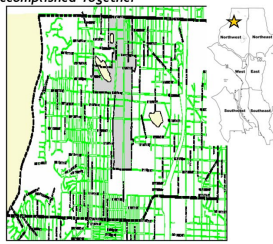
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor
Yvonne Sanchez, Dir., Dept. Of Neighborhoods

Neighborhood: Broadview-Bitter Lake - Haller Lake Hub Urban Village

Plan Adopted: 1999

Key Elements:

1. Pedestrian walkways
2. Linden Ave N/Bitter Lake Reservoir Improvements
3. Open Space Acquisition and Development



Broadview-Bitter Lake-Haller Lake Neighborhood Plan Area Northwest Sector

What happened in 2002

- **Linden Avenue Street Improvements** - The community worked with Seattle Department of Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities to explore three projects proposed to implement the concept plan for street improvements for Linden Avenue (between N 130th and N 145th St.). These included 143rd to 145th, the Linden Walkway north of 130", and the east side of Linden Ave across from the Bitter Lake Community Center. Work on the Bitter Lake Reservoir Open Space is also being coordinated with the street improvements.
- **Bitter Lake Reservoir Open Space** - In 2002, Bitter Lake became Seattle's first lidded reservoir. Plans to move the reservoir fence closer to the reservoir began. Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Parks and Recreation worked with the community and a consultant to explore such improvements as walking paths, recreational areas for children and adults, landscaping, and a community garden (P-Patch).
- **Long-awaited Intersection Improvements** - A left-turn lane was installed at the intersection of 1st Ave. NE and NE 130th St. This improvement, advocated by Haller Lake residents, was first proposed in 1993 as part of the original *Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan* and will make the intersection safer for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- **N 125th Street End Park** - A \$10,000 Neighborhood Matching Fund grant was awarded to the Haller Lake Community Club to develop plans for the N 125th street end, improving community access to this cherished recreational resource.
- **Haller Lake Community Club Wheelchair Access** - Haller Lake Community Club received a Matching Fund award to install an elevator and make their facility more accessible.

New Hours and Services at Department of Neighborhoods' Central Service Center

The Department of Neighborhoods is extending hours and increasing services at the Central Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) thanks to an innovative agreement with cable franchisees. The changes mean increased convenience for residents and more than 20 additional hours of service each week at the center, which is located at 23rd Avenue and South Jackson Street.

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By entering an agreement with the cable franchisees Comcast and Millennium Digital Media, Seattle residents will be able to pay their bills and return cable equipment to the Central NSC. Adding the cable collection program to the Central NSC will allow the Department of Neighborhoods to provide all of its City Of Seattle services to the public from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The new hours at the Central NSC also mean residents have increased access to City Hall Online (www.Seattle.gov) using the center's free Internet terminal. The City of Seattle provided the PC and Millenium is donating its broadband Internet service.

"This cable payment agreement shows how government and business are working together to improve access to services for the residents of Seattle," said Neighborhood Director Yvonne Sanchez. "Working with the City, Millennium Digital Media and Comcast Cable are paying for extra staff who will keep the Central Neighborhood Service Center open longer. This agreement with the cable franchisees is the first of its kind in the country and a win-win situation for Seattle."

"This change will better address our customers' needs and allows us to expand customer service hours at Central NSC with private funding," says Customer Services & Operations Director Hazel Bhang. "We are implementing a new staffing schedule to accommodate the operational changes."

To make sure customers know about the changes, staff will be attaching "new hours" flyers to customers' receipts while both Millennium Digital Media and Comcast Cable companies will send promotional information to their respective cable subscribers.

For a list of Neighborhood Service Centers, their services, and hours, visit our website at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nsc/ or call (206) 684-0464. ♦

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Census 2000 Reports Forthcoming for Neighborhood Planning Areas & Urban Villages

Do you need specific demographic information for a grant application? Are you working on a project that requires Census data on different neighborhoods in the City of Seattle? The City's Department of Design, Construction & Land Use (DCLU) may be able to help. The Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning unit of DCLU is producing a series of Census 2000 "reports" for each of the city's 42 Urban Villages and 37 Neighborhood Planning Areas. The reports are scheduled to go online by mid-July at the City's Population & Demographics website (see address below).

A series of "reports" are being produced for each Urban Village and Neighborhood Planning Area. Each report is comprised of several tables of census data on one of the following topics:

- Age
- Income
- Disability
- Journey to Work (commuting data)
- Education
- Language
- Employment
- Poverty
- Housing
- Residency

The reports parallel those produced by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) for area counties and cities. An example of the income report can be viewed on the PSRC website at: http://www.psrc.org/datapubs/census2000/sf3/income_sample.pdf. Scroll to page 75 for the Seattle report. To view sample reports for the other topics, go to <http://www.psrc.org/datapubs/census2000/sf3/index.htm> and select the "Sample page" for each topic.

The Urban Village and Neighborhood Planning Area reports will be posted on the City's Demographic website at: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/dclu/planning/comprehensive/demog/demog.htm>, or search for: "population", "demographics", or "census 2000" and look for Population & Demographics Homepage.

Once these reports are available, DCLU will produce a series of Demographic Profiles for each Urban Village and Neighborhood Planning Area. The Profiles will present data comparable to the 1990 census data the City provided during the Neighborhood Planning process in the late 1990's.

The profiles will be available by mid-July on the City's Demographic website at: <http://www.seattle.gov/dclu/planning/comprehensive/demog/demog.htm>.

For more information, contact Diana Cornelius, City Demographer at (206) 615-0483 or send e-mail to diana.cornelius@seattle.gov ♦

Clean Seattle Rolls Through North Beacon Hill

On Saturday, May 31, Mayor Greg Nickels' Clean Seattle Initiative hit the streets of North Beacon Hill, bringing along the services of Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle City Light, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, and the Seattle Public Utilities Community Services Division to clean up the neighborhood.

Greater Duwamish Neighborhood District Coordinator Glenn Harris helped bring in more than 30 neighborhood volunteers for the event, which began at Stevens Triangle Park. The event also drew State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, who represents the 37th District, which includes the North Beacon Hill neighborhood.

Seattle departments partnered with Beacon



Hill Chamber of Commerce, North Beacon Hill Council, South Beacon Hill Council, North Beacon Hill Council, and Stevens Triangle Park Committee in litter pick-ups, street cleaning, street light repairs, graffiti paint-outs, and weeding at Stevens Triangle Park.

The next Clean Seattle Initiative is scheduled for July 26 in Wallingford. For more information or to volunteer, contact Neighborhood District Coordinator Steve Louie at (206) 684-4054 or email Steve.Louie@seattle.gov ♦

Neighbors Celebrate Opening of Wallingford Playfield

By Gregory Flood, Chair of Friends of Wallingford Playfield

Seattle residents have a wonderful new resource in the Wallingford neighborhood: a playfield that will provide hours of enjoyment for children and their families. The project was four years in the making and grew directly out of the ideas, passion, sweat equity, and community building efforts of Wallingford residents and the support of the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods and Department of Parks & Recreation.

Wallingford residents Christie Rodgers, Bob Goldberg, and I applied for our first matching grant in 1999 to begin the design process for the park. Since then, Friends of Wallingford Park has received \$71,000 in Neighborhood Matching Fund grants to pay for design and construction work at the park with an estimated value of over \$220,000. This means City dollars were leveraged over 3 to 1 through community participation,



The Wallingford Playfield grand opening celebration in June drew dozens of people, yet they represented just a fraction of the total number of people who helped shepherd this project from its humble start four years ago as “simple” coordination with Parks’ drainage and irrigation improvements at the playfield. The initial goal was to create additional space around the wading pool and to improve the visibility around the existing play structure. This soon evolved, at Parks request, into development of a complete, new master site plan for the entire park and a design for a new playground.

The Department of Neighborhoods’ Matching Fund Program provided the impetus to make this project happen.

even before the project began construction with additional funding from ProParks!

Many, many people contributed to the creation of all the elements you see at the playfield today and the project numbers are inspiring. More than 260 Wallingford families participated in the design, planning, and construction of the playfield and close to 60 City staff helped at one time or another. Over 6,000 community volunteer hours were contributed; 10 community design participation meetings; and we organized 21 official work parties at the park. There were many additional drop-in work parties as well. The community planted over 3,500 new plants, spread more than 200



yards of compost, and nearly 40 yards of sand. While helping to coordinate this project on behalf of the Friends of Wallingford Playfield, 7200 project-related emails passed through my mailbox.

The numbers tell part of the story, yet they cannot convey how proud I am of our community. The past four years and the resulting playfield will stand as one of the most satisfying pieces of work I have done in my life. I also feel strongly that the project would not have happened, nor been nearly so successful, if it were not for the Department of Neighborhoods staff and its Neighborhood Matching Fund Program. As the City prepares to examine the budgets for next year, please remember that the Matching Fund Program in essence

makes money for the City by leveraging community participation. We must voice our support!

Wallingford Playfield is the living room of our community; given new life that would not have been possible without a multitude of contributions, both large and small and all indispensable, from residents, local businesses, and City departments. Friends of Wallingford Playfield will help provide stewardship via an Adopt-A-Park agreement and with periodic work parties for the garden areas.

The community can also help through simple day-to-day tasks: if you see litter, take a moment to drop it in a nearby trash can. Take a couple minutes to brush the sand back

into the sand area, or scoop wood chips back into the hollows under the swings or other equipment. If you see someone inadvertently trampling the wonderful new plants or a dog digging in the garden, a gentle reminder may help protect someone else's hard work. Many hands make light work and, in these days of budget cuts and hard decisions, easing the work load, even a little, will only help continue to make Wallingford Playfield – a great place, even better.

For more information or to volunteer to help out with garden work, email Friends of Wallingford Playfield at: fowp@wallingford.org or visit www.wallingford.org online. ♦

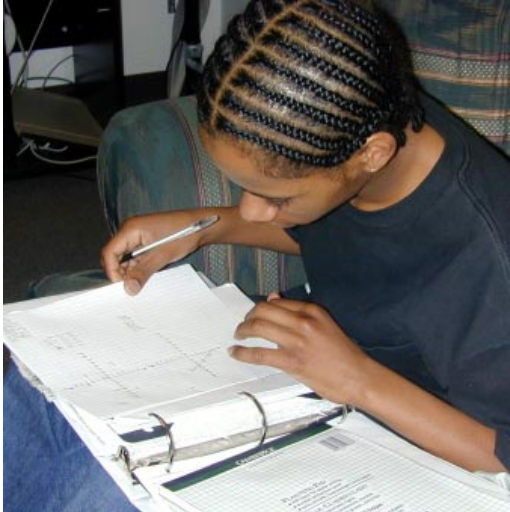
Help Choose the New Superintendent

The Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Search Web Site is now “live.” There are two ways to access the site: through the story that is prominently displayed on the Seattle Public Schools home page (see address below); or via the “Leadership - Superintendent Search” link on that page. Information is available on each aspect of the search process; and the on-line survey is operational. The site will be updated as the search progresses. Visit www.seattleschools.org/area/board/superintendent_search_info.html to give your input. ♦

Families and Education Levy Campaign Underway

Planning for the 2004 Families and Education Levy is in full swing after two well-attended community meetings last month. The meetings provided an opportunity for parents, teachers, providers, and other interested community members to learn more about the 1990 and 1997 levies and comment on a draft proposed policy framework for the 2004 Families and Education Levy. More than 150 people attended the two meetings and hundreds more have submitted feedback forms. The Levy Oversight Committee will complete the policy framework in mid-July.

Later this summer and throughout the fall, Seattle residents will be invited to attend additional community meetings to discuss specific service areas that will be considered for funding. To get on the mailing list, please send your name, address, zip, and/or e-mail address to the Office for Education, Department of Neighborhoods, 700 3rd Ave, Ste 400, Seattle, WA 98104, send e-mail to EducationOffice@seattle.gov, or go to www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/education on the Web. ♦



Citizens Service Bureau on the Move

After occupying offices in the Municipal building for 38 years, the Citizens Service Bureau (CSB) moved from the Municipal Building (old City Hall) to the new City Hall late June. The new City Hall is located just east of the old City Hall on the same block.

Due to ongoing construction for the next year, the new City Hall will have access only from 5th Avenue. The first floor of the new building is on the 5th Avenue entry level. Look for directional signs that will lead you to the new offices in the Northeast corner of the building. CSB's postal address and phone numbers will not change. They can still be reached at (206) 684-CITY (2489) or (TTY) 206-615-0476. The address is 600 4th Avenue, 1st floor, Seattle, WA 98104. ♦

Neighborhoods Mission and Values - Why and How We Do What We Do

MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Neighborhood engages people in civic participation, makes government more accessible, fosters community building, and preserves and enhances the character of Seattle's neighborhoods by providing services and resources, and connecting people, communities, and government.

VALUES

These are the values we bring to our work:

- We act with respect and integrity;
- We are inclusive and embrace multiculturalism;
- We consider multiple viewpoints and honor each individual's contributions;
- We respect the self-determination of the communities with which we work;
- We work collaboratively and in partnerships; and
- We encourage creativity and fun.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

To connect people, communities and government.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Small And Simple Fund Deadline: July 21

The countdown is on to the next Small and Simple Fund application deadline. Visit the Department of Neighborhoods website to download an application, see a list of past award winners, find links to grant writing resources, and learn more about the Neighborhood Matching Fund Race Relations and Social Justice category. The deadline is October 20 for the final Small And Simple Fund award opportunity of 2003. ♦

Free Trees For Your Neighborhood!

Friday, August 22 is the deadline for applying for this year's Neighborhood Matching Fund Tree Fund. If you need a little green on your block, the Department of Neighborhoods will again be provid-



ing free trees for residential streets in Seattle. The Tree Fund accepts applications from groups of at least five households. The deadline for applications is August 22, so start planning now to plant trees with your neighbors this fall. For more information, contact Shireen Deboo at (206) 684-0547 or shireen.deboo@ci.seattle.wa.us. Information is also available on the Department of Neighborhoods Web site at www.cityofseattle.net/don/trees/Trees.htm ♦

Mayor Tours Central Area Business Districts

Central Area residents and business owners played host to Mayor Greg Nickels on May 29 for a two-hour neighborhood tour. Tour stops included the Union Street business district around the Midtown Commons Center, the Casey Family Programs facility, Thompson's Point of View restaurant, and the 23rd and Jackson Street business corridor. The tour provided an opportunity to show development already underway, as well as the potential for economic development in the Central Area. It also gave residents a chance to share their concerns about economic and housing development impacts. The Mayor's next tour is scheduled for mid-July in



West Seattle/High Point neighborhood. For more information on the West Seattle/High Point tour, contact Neighborhood District Coordinator Ron Angeles at (206) 684-7416 or email Ron.Angeles@seattle.gov ♦

Capitol Hill Service Center Opens New Chapter in New Library

The Department of Neighborhoods Capitol Hill Neighborhood Service Center has a new home. It took about a year, but Neighborhood District Coordinator Jose Cervantes' office is now co-located at the sparkling new Capitol Hill branch of the Seattle Public Library.

Co-location with the library means residents can take care of several tasks in one trip. In addition, the library has inviting new meeting space for residents and community groups in need of a gather spot for discussing community issues. Jose's new address is 425 Harvard Ave E. He can be reached at (206) 684-4574 or via e-mail at jose.cervantes@seattle.gov ♦



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